signed yet. We have yet to sign the contract.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: If the contract has not been signed, will he reconsider the whole matter? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: If Shri Subramanian Swamy has got money, he can come and offer me the lowest bid. I am going to consider.

SHRI NARAYAN KAR: I want to know whether the hon. Minister is aware that some Italian firm Snamprogetty came in the picture after two months of the bids were completed, who have no recommendation from the World Bank for the feasibility survey of the project in Tripura.

SHRI M S. GURUPADASWAMY: It is different. Tripura project is a different question.

SHRI NARAYAN KAR: It is an Italian firm.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I know the anxiety of the hon. Member and that is why I am giving this little information. It is in a very preliminary stage. Its availability is less than one million metric tonnes and the project has yet to be prepared. Snam has come forward. Others have come forward. We have to take a decision in the matter. I know there are press reports to that effect. They are not entirely correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Working of the Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. Calcutta

*183. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the functioning of the Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. (Holding Company) has recently been seriously affected due to infighting among its officers in the administration;

(b) whether the compay has received a memorandum from the Steel, Metal and Engineering Workers' Federation of India, Calcutta in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) It has not come to Government's notice that there is any infighting amongst the officers in administration seriously affecting the working of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign Collaboration in favour of M/S Simtools for manufacture of machinery

*185. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for granting a foreign collaboration to M/s. Simtools for manufacture of machinery in collaboration with a Brazilian company:

(b) what is the foreign exchange outflow involved; and

(c) if the machines to be manufactured are not under O.G.L., what is the value of import licences granted during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The proposal of M|s. Simtools Ltd., Thane, for foreign collaboration with M|s. Holstein Kappert S A., Brazil was approved after due consideration as import of technology for the manufacture of bottling plants was considered desirable.

(b) The phased manufacturing programme of the company has not yet been approved and the company has not commenced production of bottling plants. the outflow of foreign exchange will be dependent upon the phased manufacturing programme of the company and the volume of production.

(c) Import Licence statistics itemwise/firmwise are not centrally maintained. Therefore, information. regarding value of import licences for import of bottling